

PROPOSALS

FOR A

POLEBILL.

1. **T**hat all Persons of whatsoever Age, Sex or Quality, shall be Subject and lyable to the Pole of Six Shilling Scots per Pole, except poor persons who live upon Charity, and the Children under the Age of sixteen years, and in *familia*; Of all these persons whose Pole doth not exceed one pound ten Shilling Scots.

2. That beside the said Six Shilling Scots imposed upon other persons that are not excepted: A Cotter having a Trade, shall pay Six Shilling Scots more, making in the whole Twelve Shilling Scots for every such Cotter.

3. That all Servants shall pay the fourtieth part of their Eke, whereof Bountieth to be reckoned a part, besides their General Pole (excepting Livery Clothes) in the Number of which Servants, are understood, all who receive Wages or Bountieth for any Work or Employment whatsoever, either at Land or Sea; and in case they be not alimeted in *familia* with their Master, then if they be not above the Degree of a Cotter or Hynd, they are to have two third parts of Wages and Bountieth, or if above the said Degree, one Third part of Wages and Bountieth, for the alimement.

4. That all Tennents pay in name of Pole to the King the two hundred part of the real Rent, payable by them to the Master of the Land, and that the Visual Rent payable by them be liquidat according to the Feers of the Shire where the Lands ly, besides the general Pole.

5. That all Trades-men inhabiting within any Burgh, whether of Royalty, Regality or Baronie, whose free Stock and Means, not being Money upon Interest, (not including Work-Looms, Tools, or Household Plenishing) extends to Five hundred Merks, shall be subject and lyable to One pound four Shilling Scots, besides the general Pole.

6. That all Tradesmen living within any of the said Burghs, whose free Stock and Means not being Money upon Interest, extends to One thousand Merks, shall beside the general Pole pay Fourty Shilling Scots, and shall pay one Merk Scots for every thousand Merk more of free Stock not upon Interest, and shall pay nothing for any *superplus* odd Money within one thousand Merks.

7. That all Gentlemen so holden and repute, and owning themselves to be such, and who will not renounce any pretence they have to be such, shall be subject and lyable in three Pound of Pole money, if they be not otherways Classed, and upon another Consideration be subject to a greater Pole, besides the general Pole.

8. That all Heretors of Twenty pounds, and below Fifty Pounds of valued Rent, be subject and lyable to Twenty Shilling of Pole-money, besides the general Pole.

9. That all Heretors of Fifty Pounds, and under two hundred Pounds of valued Rent, be subject and lyable to Four Pounds of Pole-money, beside the general Pole.

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10. That all Heretors of Two hundred pounds, and under Five hundred pounds of valued Rent, be lyable to Nine pound of Pole-money, beside the general Pole.

11. That all Heretors of Five Hundred Pound, or above the same, and under One Thousand Pounds of Valued Rent, be subject and lyable to Twelve Pounds Scots of Pole-money; beside the General Pole; and that they pay half a Crown for each of their Male Children living in *Familia*.

12. That all Heretors of One Thousand Pound of Valued Rent, and above the same; and all Knight Baronets, and Knights, be subject and lyable to Twenty Four Pounds *Scots* of Pole-Money, besides the General Pole: and that they pay for Each of their Male Children *in familia* Three Pound *Scots*.

13. That all Lords pay Fourty Pounds of Pole-Money, above the General Pole.

14. That all Viscounts pay Fifty Pound of Pole-Money, beside the General Pole.

25. That all Earls pay Sixty Pound of Pole Money, beside *ut supra*.

16. That all Marquesses pay Eighty Pounds of Pole Money, beside the General Pole.

17. That all Dukes pay One hundred Pounds *Scots*, beside the general *Pole*.

18. That the Sons of Noblemen pay according to their Rank, viz. All Dukes eldest Sons as Marquesses, and their younger Sons as Earls. All Marquesses eldest Sons as Earls, and their younger Sons as Viscounts; all Earls eldest Sons as Viscounts, and their younger Sons shall be lyable in Twenty Four Pounds of Pole. All Viscounts and Lords Sons in Twenty Four Pounds, beside their general Pole.

19. That all Widows whose Husbands would have been lyable to One Pound Ten Shilling of Pole, or above, are to be subject and lyable to a third part of their Husbands Pole, except Heiresses who shall be subject to the same Pole their Predecessors would have been, beside their General Pole.

20. That all Nottars and Procurators before Inferior Courts, and Messengers at Arms, are to be subject and lyable to Four Pounds of Pole Money, beside their General Pole.

2. That all Writers not to the Signer, Agents and Clerks of Inferior Civil Courts, and Macers, shall pay Six Pounds of Pole Money, beside the General Pole.

22. That all Advocats, Clerks of Sovereign Courts, Writers to the Signet, Sheriffs, and their Deputs, Commissars, and their Deputs, Doctors of Medicine, Apothecaries, Chyrurgions, and others repute Doctors of Medicine, pay Twelve Pounds *Scots*, beside their *General Pole*.

23. That all officers of the Army shall be *payable* in two dayes *pay* for their *Pole*, beside their *General Pole*.

That all *Persones* who are to pay the said respective *Poles*, though they be *Poled* in different *Capacities*, are only to pay at the highest Rate, over and above the *General pole*.

By Order of Parliament.